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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: SSCI Hearing on Chemical Warfare, 8 May 84.

Chip Andreeae, Senator Lugar's SSCI designee and coordinator of the SSCI Working Group on Chemical Warfare, notified me this date that Staff Director Rob Simmons has set 8 May 84 as the date for an SSCI hearing on chemical warfare. A closed session will focus largely on the Iran-Iraq war and Southeast Asia, according to Andreeae. The SSCI may also hold an open hearing to permit both pro and con experts (Harvard's Professor Messelson) testify.

Andreeae has no further specifics to assist us in preparation for the hearing but did mention that the Iran-Iraq war and chemical warfare briefing given him, Cleveland, Iwanciw and Finn on 8 March 84 at Headquarters is the type of thing he is looking for. When SSCI plans firm up Andreeae will provide more detailed guidance and a letter of invitation containing specifics. At this point, he could not even say whether other agencies/departments would be invited to the closed session. His message today is merely a "heads-up."

This information will be passed today to key parties such as:
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